

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 and 66-99 are withdrawn.

Claims 43 and 44 are allowed.

Claims 45-65 and 100-102 are rejected.

Claims 100-102 are canceled by this communication.

Claims 45, 50, 53, 56, 59, 64 and 65 are amended cure deficiencies as raised at page 2 of the Final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2008. These amendments introduce no new matter to the claims and present no new issue for examination.

Claims 1-99 are pending upon entry of amendment to the claims by this communication.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 45-65 and 102 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants believe these rejections are moot in light of the amendments to claims 45, 50, 53, 56, 59, 64 and 65 and cancellation of claims 100-102.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 100 and 101 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,270,788 to Koulik, et al. The rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 100 and 101.

Claims 100-102 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,497,729 to Mossy, et al. The rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 100-102.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claim 102 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,270,788 to Koulik, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,383,215 to Sass. This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claim 102.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 43 and 44.

Claims 45-65 are now clear and definite. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 45-65 are now allowable.

Conclusion

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. **If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment.** If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

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